

--- “Series of 1880-81” - TOBACCO - Division Open - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/5th pound - lithographed in RED ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 238 x 20 mm. ---

John McKay records that 385,670 *lithographed* copies of 1-5th “Red Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the 1880-81 Division “Open” and Division “Specific” stamps.

McKay further records that 83,591 *lithographed* copies of 1/5 lb. “Red Ribbon Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was mostly reserved for *obsolete* BABN production ‘Delivered’ to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all red warehousing strips had been declared *obsolete*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	385,670
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	83,591
	<u>469,261</u>

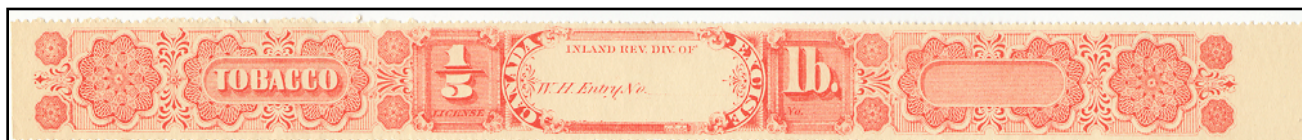
The final ‘upper-limit’ control number on the 1/5th pound red TOBACCO strips - as collected to date

Division Open	015065
Hamilton Division	016551
Montreal Division	173206
Quebec Division	019106
Toronto Division	019798
Windsor Division	043018
Windsor Division - G 33	100696
	<u>387,440</u>

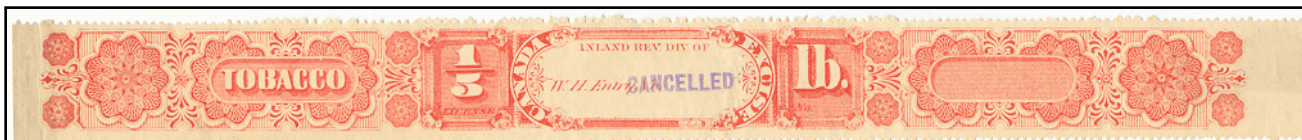
The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, red, Division Open, TOBACCO warehousing strip as follows:

RP-158 - 1/5th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-159 - 1/5th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, Division Open, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**



RP-158n - 1/5th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - **three copies, plus a sheet of twelve**



RP-158n - 1/5th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters - this is a suspect strip

The collection **does not contain** a copy of the perforated 1/5th pound Division Open strip lithographed in red ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, with *faint 5 mm. blue control* numbers. **WANTED!**

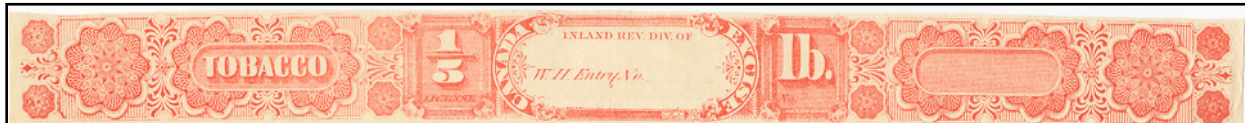
These faint blue control numbered strips were probably prepared for a philatelic exhibition in the early 1880's.



RP-158 - 1/5th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **000006**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

000006★	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000012	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000026	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000039	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000053	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000085	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000061-72	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000140-43	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015003	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015009	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015015	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015036	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015047	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015049	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015058	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
015065	RP-158	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.



1/5th pound, red, *imperforate*, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

The Warehousing Series of 1880-81 red strips had been declared *obsolete* by the Inland Revenue Department on July 1st 1883, and upon recall, in February / March 1888, BABN 'Delivered' their remaining 488,675 red 1/4th pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip in this time frame - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate strips. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number. I just note their existence.

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